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Hermitage Precinct

Metro Nashville Police Department

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Officer Bridget Griepentrog

Griepentrog spent time protecting families in the East, North and Hermitage Precincts. Her medical trouble began in the late fall of 2012 with a diagnosis of degenerative arthritis. An orthopedist performed hip scopes in an attempt to save joints and cartilage. Nevertheless, in June 2013, she had to have a left hip replacement.

Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award

Hermitage Precinct Officer Bridget Griepentrog's determination to continue serving the Nashville community despite severe pain and several debilitating surgeries was honored on July 28, 2014 with the 2014 Theodore Roosevelt Police Award for Nashville and Middle Tennessee.

The Theodore Roosevelt Association Police Award is given to a police officer who has rendered outstanding and praiseworthy service to the department and the community despite a serious handicap, illness, or injury.

Bridget Griepentrog, now 42, entered the Nashville police academy in May 2001 to pursue a career in law enforcement. She graduated later that year. Patrol work was her calling and over the past 13 years Officer

Officer Bridget Griepentrog Con't

Officer Griepentrog's illness has resulted in six surgeries. Through it all, Officer Griepentrog has reported for work whenever possible. While on light duty for a time, she even compiled and edited an information binder for fellow officers.

Officer Griepentrog was assigned to full duty on the Hermitage Precinct's midnight shift where, in addition to answering calls for service, she assists in orienting officers new to the detail and training recent academy graduates. In the words of Hermitage Precinct Sergeant Robert Johnson, "She is an officer who has a genuine concern for the well-being of officers as well as the citizens of Nashville." "Officer Griepentrog is absolutely refusing to let illness rob her of the career she loves," Chief Steve Anderson said. "Her will to succeed, coupled with a commitment to make the community a better place, is nothing short of inspiring."

The Theodore Roosevelt Association established the police awards program in honor of Roosevelt's distinguished service as President of the Board of Police Commissioners of New York City from 1895 to 1897, and in recognition of his lifelong admiration for the police.

Nashville is one of several cities in the United States to present the Roosevelt Award. Others include New York City, Boston, Long Island, Dallas, Philadelphia, and Los Angeles.

"The Metro Police Department is grateful to the Theodore Roosevelt Association's annual commitment to recognize truly outstanding public servants, like Bridget Griepentrog, and their important contributions to Nashville's safety and quality of life," Chief Anderson said.

Through the generosity of this year's award sponsor, Rock Solid Roofing Company, a Division of McEwen Home Improvements (RockSolidRoofingTN.com), and the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Officer Griepentrog will receive a \$1,000 cash award, a medal, and a bust of Theodore Roosevelt. A bronze plaque, which bears a likeness of Roosevelt, and which is currently on display in the lobby of police headquarters, will now include the inscription of Griepentrog's name.

Past Metro Police recipients of the Theodore Roosevelt Award were Sgt. Phillip Sage (1998), Detective Clifford Mann (1999), Detective Frank Pierce (2000), Sergeant James (Jimbo) Allen (2001), Officer William Richardson (2002), Detective Joe Cooper (2003), Officer Horace Temple (2004), Officer Foster Hite (2005), Detective Jeff Ball (2006), Officer Dan Alford (2007), Sergeant Brenda Steinbrecher (2008), Officer James Duke (2009), Officer Faye Okert (2010), Lieutenant Joe McEwen (2011), Officer Cindy Huffines (2012), and Officer Dennis Hamm (2013).

Information about the activities of the Theodore Roosevelt Association is available on the Internet, <http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org>.

MNPD Session 75 Officers Graduate from Academy



The Nashville Police Department on August 26th welcomed 18 new police officers as the recruit class known as Session 75 formally completed 5½ months of rigorous physical and classroom training.

The graduation ceremony was held at Schrader Lane Church of Christ, 1234 Schrader Lane. Mayor Dean and Chief Anderson presided and delivered congratulatory remarks.

Citizen's tips solve crimes

Citizen's tips help Police arrest suspects in burglary.

Quick response by Hermitage Precinct Officer Greg Curtis to a citizen's call of a burglary in progress, combined with diligent tracking work by MNPD Canine Officer Spencer Harris and his partner Mikey, resulted in the apprehension of two men who broke into a home on Bismark Drive.

A 35-year-old man, who lives in the 500 block of Bismark Drive, was home by himself at 1:35 p.m. when he heard the rear door of the residence being kicked in. He immediately called the police. Officer Curtis just finished working a vehicle crash nearby and headed to the scene. As he pulled up to the house, the three burglars were heading to a silver Lincoln Town Car that had been backed down the driveway (the trunk lid was up; inside was a flat screen television along with video game components that had just been taken from the house).

Upon seeing Officer Curtis, the three fled behind the home and into a wooded area. Officer Harris and Mikey tracked down two of them, cousins Terreze Summers, 21, and Darius Summers, 22. Both will be charged with aggravated burglary. Their accomplice remains at large.



SUBMIT A WEB TIP

WWW.NASHVILLECRIMESTOPPERS.COM

615-74-CRIME (615-742-7463)

Text "CASH" plus your message to
CRIMES (274637)

Hermitage Precinct Presents:

Coffee With A Cop

Starbucks

5008 Old Hickory Blvd

Hermitage, TN

October 6th, 2014 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

*Join us for a **free** cup of house blend coffee!*

Metro-Nashville Police Department's Hermitage Precinct staff will be attending to talk one on one with you about is-

sues and concerns in your community. This event is sponsored by Starbucks and the Metro-Nashville Police Department.



Hermitage Precinct Officer of the Month

June 2014

Police Officer of the Month

Charles Large Justin Chisholm
William Hamblen Paul Ellis

Patrol Officer of the Month

Matthew Fackler

Investigator of the Month

James Kelly Andrew Grega

July 2014

Police Officer of the Month

Sarah Hartman Paul Cairns
Gerald Bixenman

Patrol Officer of the Month

Matthew Fackler

Investigator of the Month

James Kelly Joshua Spurlock

August 2014

Police Officer of the Month

Jimmy Gregg

Patrol Officer of the Month

Evan Hibschan Angelo Iezzi

Investigator of the Month

Matthew Atnip

Council on Aging of Greater Nashville

Scam of the Month

August 2014

Watch for Foreign Lottery Scam!

In one of the most prevalent scams currently, someone calls or emails an individual to congratulate the person on winning the Canadian or the Spanish lottery, but the caller needs \$5,000 for “delivery insurance.” To convince the individual that it is legitimate, the caller directs the victim to the U.S. Consumer Protection Bureau’s website.

The problem is that the organization and the website are fake. The intended victim may call a number on that site to verify it, but the person who answers is also part of the scheme. If the senior sends the fee, he never receives the promised winnings. You may read all the full report on how this scam works at this internet

link: <http://www.bbb.org/memphis/news-events/bbb-scam-alerts/2014/04/consumer-protection-bureau-scam/>
Interestingly, the Better Business Bureau states that the only legal lotteries in the United States are the official state-run lotteries. Foreign lotteries are illegal. - See more at: <http://www.bbb.org/blog/2014/04/lotto-scam-poses-as-consumer-protection-bureau/#sthash.Vy7miHvR.dpuf>

Remember: you can’t win a lottery, if you didn’t enter the lottery.

Source: Better Business Bureau of Middle TN

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Con Artists' Top Ten Phrases

The Top Ten Phrases Used by Con Artists:

- CASH ONLY *Why is cash necessary for a proposed transaction? Why not a check?*
- SECRET PLANS *Why are you being asked not to tell anyone?*
- GET RICH QUICK *Any scheme should be carefully investigated.*
- SOMETHING FOR NOTHING *Any time you are promised something for nothing, you usually get nothing.*
- CONTESTS *Make sure they aren’t a “come-on” to draw you into a money-losing scheme.*
- HASTE *Be alert of any pressure that you must act immediately or lose out.*
- TODAY ONLY *If something is worthwhile today, it’s likely to be available tomorrow.*
- TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE *Such a scheme is probably not good or true.*
- LAST CHANCE *If it’s a chance worth taking, why is it offered on such short notice?*
- LEFT-OVER MATERIAL *Left over materials might also be stolen or defective.*

Source: Metropolitan Police Department

In September of 2012, the online AARP magazine printed a long and interesting article about a true-life con artist. Read it here. <http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-09-2012/confessions-of-a-con-artist.html>



Safe Parking Reminder

The Metro Nashville Police Dept. would like to encourage you to

"Park Smart"

Please keep in mind the following tips to assist in preventing thefts.

- 1) Never leave the keys in your vehicle while it is unattended – even only if it is for a brief time.
- 2) Never leave your car unattended while it is running.
- 3) Always lock your doors and keep your windows rolled up when parked.
- 4) Do not leave items of value visible inside of your car. Place them in your trunk, conceal them from view, or take them with you.
- 5) Park in busy, well lit areas whenever possible.
- 6) Be aware of suspicious activity as you enter a parking lot and avoid potential dangers.

RECRUITMENT NOTES

NEWS FROM BACKGROUND & RECRUITMENT

AS OF MARCH 1, 2007, THE ONLY WAY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER TRAINEE IS ON-LINE. AN APPLICANT CAN GO DIRECTLY TO THE METRO GOVERNMENT WEB SITE AT WWW.NASHVILLE.GOV OR THERE IS A LINK TO APPLICATION PROCESS ON THE WWW.JOINMNPd.COM WEB SITE. FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

Each user must have a unique email address when setting up an account. Do not share your account with anyone. If you do not have an email account, you can sign up for a free account at Hotmail.com, Yahoo.com or Mail.com.

1. Go to <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/nashville/default.cfm>
2. View our postings and select the title you are interested in (**Police Officer Trainee**).
3. Click the apply link.
4. Create a Username and Password for your personal account (registration is free).
5. Once you create your account, you can complete your online employment application. Then your application is stored on file and can be submitted for future job postings.

If an applicant does not have internet access, they may go to any Public Library in Davidson County or to the following Career Centers.

Nashville Career Advancement Center – Main Office
621 Mainstream Drive , Ste 210 Ph # 615-862-8890

Nashville Career Advancement Center-South
3763 Nolensville Road Ph # 615-741-3556

Online applications can be completed in Metropolitan Government Human Resources Office located at 222 Third Avenue North - Suite 158. Business hours: Monday thru Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only

Employment Standards

- Two years (60 Semester hours) of general academic studies from an accredited college or university with an overall Grade Point Average of 2.0 ("C" Average) on a 4.0 scale. **Hours for remedial courses will not be counted. No more than two (2) transcripts will be evaluated. The cumulative hours and Grade Point Average (GPA) must appear on the transcript. Candidates must submit "official" transcripts that meet Metro's Educational Standards. At least one half of the total hours must be taken in residence, no more than half may be earned in non-traditional credits.** **OR** Applicant must have at least 2 years of active military duty and possess a high school diploma or GED. **Must not have been released or discharged under other than Honorable from any of the Armed Forces of the United States.** **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and documentation of a minimum of 2 years full-time law enforcement experience in a patrol capacity with a certification from Tennessee P.O.S.T. or equivalent State certification board. **OR** Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED and have 5 years of responsible work experience. **AND**
- Must be a minimum of 21 years of age. (May apply 2 (two) months prior to your 21st birthday).
- The Distant Visual Acuity in each eye must be no worse than 20/100 (Snellen) uncorrected, corrected 20/20 in the better eye and 20/30 in the other eye. Binocular vision must be at 20 feet. Must have normal depth perception. Must have normal color vision.
- Valid "Class D" Driver's License.
- Citizen of the United States.
- Have not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to or entered a plea of nolo contendere to any felony charge or to any violations of any federal or state laws or city ordinances relating to force, violence, theft, dishonesty, gambling, liquor or controlled substance.
- Your driving record will be considered part of the background investigation for this position. Multiple offenses and/or chargeable accidents are grounds for disqualification or removal from the eligibility register.
- Honorable discharge from Military Service (if applicable).
- The medical requirements for enlistment or appointment to either the Army or Navy are the basis for physical suitability at the time of appointment.

Meet standards set by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission and adopted by the Tennessee General Assembly on June 24, 1983, T.C.A. 38-8-106.

Previous Drug Use Criteria

- Marijuana use will be viewed in the context of the applicant's age at the time of use, the recency of use, and the frequency of use. No marijuana use will be allowed within 2 years of the date of the application.
- No other illegal drug use within 7 years of application. Combined use of other drugs besides marijuana must not exceed 5 times.
- No sale of any drugs.
- Could have permanent disqualification for use of heroin, LSD, PCP, crack cocaine, and methamphetamine or similar substances.
- Any prior drug use, admitted or discovered, will be evaluated in determining employment eligibility.
- No pattern of abuse of legal or legend drugs (including steroids).

Must pass polygraph or CVSA concerning use.